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SUBJECT: TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS EIGHTEENTH PLENARY

TTBT/PNE DELEGATION MESSAGE NUMBER FIFTY-NINE

1. SUPPLEMENT TO TTBT/PNE MESSAGE NUMBER FIFTY-EIGHT.
2. DURING PLENARY, AFTER HIS PREPARED STATEMENT, MOROKHOV SAID HE HOPED THAT WHEN THIS TASK WAS COMPLETED NEGOTIATIONS COULD BEGIN ON COMPLETE CESSATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS. HE SAID CTB FOR WEAPONS IS FIXED OBJECTIVE OF SOVIET UNION, BUT THAT PNES MUST GO ON. HE ADDED THAT WHEN A CTB GOES INTO EFFECT THE FISSION YIELD LIMIT SHOULD BE REMOVED. PETROV INTERJECTED AN OBJECTION, SAYING FISSION YIELD LIMIT SHOULD NOT BE REMOVED. PETROV' REMARK WAS REPEATED TO MOROKHOV BY TIMERBAEV. MOROKHOV BRUSHED IT OFF.
3. BEFORE LUNCH, SAFRONOV ASKED BUCHHEIM WHY US WANTED 0.2 KILOTON LIMIT ON FISSION YIELD. BUCHHEIM ASKED IF SOVIET SIDE HAD DISCUSSED THIS WITH THEIR NUCLEAR WEAPON EXPERTS. SAFRONOV SAID: YES, AND THEY AGREE WITH THIS AS A WAY TO LIMIT WEAPON BENEFITS FROM PNES, BUT WHAT SOVIET SIDE DOES NOT UNDERSTAND WHY US WANTS TO PUT IMPEDIMENTS IN WAY OF PNE PROJECTS. THIS CONVERSATION WAS INTERRUPTED BY MOVEMENTS TO LUNCH TABLES BUT PICKED UP BY HECKROTTE.

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4. AT END OF PLENARY, CURTIS PRESENTED OIL SHALE SAMPLES TO

SOVIET DELEGATION.

5. AFTER LUNCH IN DISCUSSING EMPLACEMENT HOLES AS PREVIOUSLY
REPORTED, MOROKHOV TOLD STOESSEL THAT SOVIETS HAVE INVESTED
A GREAT DEAL OF TIME AND MONEY IN SPECIAL DESIGN OF HOLE
BELOW EMPLACEMENT POINT OF EXPLOSIVES AND SAW NO REASON FOR
GIVING THIS INFORMATION AWAY.
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